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WORK PLAN FOR I-85 EXPRESS LANES IN DEKALB AND GWINNETT

DULUTH, Ga. – Construction of the new Express Lane System along Interstate 85 continues. As weather permits, lane closures are scheduled to occur during the day and overnight on the Interstate 85 Express Lanes project in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties.

Overhead signage is the focus of work now. To install the signs, crews are working overnight closing lanes and pacing of traffic. Traffic pacing can only occur in that night's work zone between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. There are over 60 new signs on this project. Additional work continues as a second work zone is installed at times this week. The work plan for next week is below.

The work plan requires **nightly** lane closures northbound and southbound. Both directions of the High Occupancy Vehicle lane or inside lane will close overnight at these locations if weather permits. Northbound lane closures will begin at 10 p.m. and continue overnight to 5 a.m. the next day. Southbound lane closures will begin at 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next day. Up to three lanes will be closed nightly, but these triple lane closures will only occur after midnight. Traffic will be paced one to three times as needed for that night's work between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. for the installation of new signs.

Sunday, 22nd for work along the median wall from Shallowford Road to I-285

Monday, 23rd for work along the median wall from Northcrest Road to north of Pleasantdale Road and a second work zone from SR 120/Duluth Highway to Old Peachtree Road

Tuesday, 24th for work along the median wall from Northcrest Road to SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd and a second work zone from Boggs Road to Sugarloaf Parkway

Wednesday, 25th for work along the median wall from Pleasantdale Road to SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd and a second work zone from Pleasant Hill Road to Boggs Road. A third work zone will also be in place from Sugarloaf Parkway to north of Old Peachtree Road.

Thursday, 26th for work along the median wall from SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd for approximately one mile and a second work zone Pleasant Hill Road to Boggs Road.

No lane closures are planned during the day or for the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. Lane closures are allowed to resume at 10 p.m. Monday, May 30 after Holiday traffic finishes.

The existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on Interstate 85 will continue in operation allowing vehicles with 2 or more people, motorcycles and alternate fuel vehicles to use the lanes until the Express Lane System is opened. Please visit www.georgiatolls.com for additional information.

The I-85 Express Lanes Project includes installation of 16 miles of fiber and signage along Interstate Highway 85 between Chamblee Tucker Road and Old Peachtree Road and along State Route 316 between I-85 and Riverside Parkway.

When completed, registered transit buses, motorcycles, alternative fueled vehicles and vehicles with three or more passengers will be allowed to use the inside (left) HOT lane for free, while single- and double-occupant vehicles will be allowed to use the lane if they choose to pay a variably priced toll.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone, web, and mobile service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online or as a hybrid solution via a free download for your smart phone. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, its mobile application download, or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit www.511ga.org.

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